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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Hearing Before the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee**

1. CIA testimony before the Subcommittee began at 1620 on the 26th of November and lasted until 1800. They were resumed again the next day (27 November) at 0930 and continued until 1513. Although this was a Subcommittee hearing, the full membership of the Senate Armed Services Committee was invited as they are ex officio members of the Subcommittee. Those present were:

Lyndon B. Johnson (Tex.)	Francis Case (S. Dak.)
Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.)	Frank A. Barrett (Wyo.)
Estes Kefauver (Tenn.)	Prescott Bush (Conn.)
Margaret Chase Smith (Me.)	Styles Bridges (N.H.)
John Stennis (Miss.)	Stuart Symington (Me.)
Ralph E. Flanders (Vt.)	Harry Flood Byrd (Va.)

2. Of the Subcommittee staff present there were:

Edwin Weisl, Sr.	Stuart P. French
Edwin Weisl, Jr.	Daniel F. McGillicuddy, Jr.
Cyrus R. Vance	Gerald W. Siegel
Solis Horowitz	George William Bunn

Also present were Homer Joe Stewart and William Vermillion Houston, scientific consultants to the Committee. Also present for a portion of the hearings were Harry L. Wingate, Jr., and Kenneth E. BeLieu on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Mr. Edward C. Welch of Senator Symington's office was also present. The reporting was done by the firm of Ward & Paul and the two reporters were Robert G. Cantor and Benjamin Harry Firshein.

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3. Present for the Agency were: Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr. [redacted]  
Colonel John A. White, [redacted]  
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4. With the cooperation of the Security Office, a physical survey was made of the hearing room and a technical sweep was also made. The Security Office furnished two men at all times to stand at the doors and to assist in clearing the room after the hearings.

5. It was early determined that there would only be three (3) copies of the transcript and that it would be held by the Subcommittee staff and be available to Senators only by dropping by and reading the transcript where it was held. The reporting firm through the Subcommittee staff delivered to the Agency the various carbon, dictabelts and waste from the closed hearings for eventual destruction.

6. At a point where the DCI had just concluded the opening part of his statement, the point was raised of whether that testimony could be unclassified. The Director agreed that probably it could. He went on to explain the peculiar problem of the Agency in connection with unclassified testimony. The Subcommittee Chairman asked the Agency to attempt to clear as much of the record for publishing as possible. The Director agreed to do the best we could on this.

7. One copy of the transcript was made available to the Agency on 2 December 1957 for correction and return by 6 December. Cyrus Vance specifically stated that it was the desire of the Committee that the transcript not be made available outside of the Agency. The DCI and DDCI were informed of this request. In the meantime, Mr. Robert Dechert, General Counsel, Department of Defense, called requesting the transcript and he was also advised of the Subcommittee's desires.

8. In my opinion, the Senators were courteous and attentive and most interested in the facts presented to them. I do not believe the record will show any overt antagonism toward the Agency.

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cc: Security Office (Mr. [redacted])  
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